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- (2) There must be central kitchen and dining facilities on the premises. These facilities:
- (i) Must be located within the premises, and accessible to the residents;
- (ii) Must contain suitable space and equipment to store, prepare, and serve food in a sanitary manner;
- (iii) Must be used to provide a food service that is provided for the residents, and that is not provided by the residents; and
- (iv) Must be for the primary use of residents of the congregate units and be sufficient in size to accommodate the residents.
- (3) There must be adequate facilities and services for the sanitary disposal of food waste and refuse, including facilities for temporary storage where necessary.

GROUP HOME

§ 982.610 Group home: Who may reside in a group home.

- (a) An elderly person or a person with disabilities may reside in a State-approved group home.
- (b)(1) If approved by the PHA, a livein aide may reside with a person with disabilities.
- (2) The PHA must approve a live-in aide if needed as a reasonable accommodation so that the program is readily accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities in accordance with 24 CFR part 8. See §982.316 concerning occupancy by a live-in aide.
- (c) Except for a live-in aide, all residents of a group home, whether assisted or unassisted, must be elderly persons or persons with disabilities.
- (d) Persons residing in a group home must not require continual medical or nursing care.
- (e) Persons who are not assisted under the tenant-based program may reside in a group home.
- (f) No more than 12 persons may reside in a group home. This limit covers all persons who reside in the unit, including assisted and unassisted residents and any live-in aide.

§982.611 Group home: Lease and HAP contract.

For assistance in a group home, there is a separate HAP contract and lease for each assisted person.

§ 982.612 Group home: State approval of group home.

A group home must be licensed, certified, or otherwise approved in writing by the State (e.g., Department of Human Resources, Mental Health, Retardation, or Social Services) as a group home for elderly persons or persons with disabilities.

§ 982.613 Group home: Rent and voucher housing assistance payment.

- (a) Meaning of pro-rata portion. For a group home, the term "pro-rata portion" means the ratio derived by dividing the number of persons in the assisted household by the total number of residents (assisted and unassisted) residing in the group home. The number of persons in the assisted household equals one assisted person plus any PHA-approved live-in aide.
- (b) Rent to owner: Reasonable rent limit. (1) The rent to owner for an assisted person may not exceed the prorata portion of the reasonable rent for the group home.
- (2) The reasonable rent for a group home is determined in accordance with §982.507. In determining reasonable rent for the group home, the PHA must consider whether sanitary facilities, and facilities for food preparation and service, are common facilities or private facilities.
- (c) Payment standard. (1) Family unit size. (i) Unless there is a live-in aide, the family unit size is zero or one bedroom.
- (ii) If there is a live-in aide, the livein aide must be counted in determining the family unit size.
- (2) The payment standard for a person who resides in a group home is the lower of:
- (i) The payment standard amount on the PHA payment standard schedule for the family unit size; or (ii) The prorata portion of the payment standard amount on the PHA payment standard schedule for the group home size.
- (iii) If there is a live-in aide, the livein aide must be counted in determining the family unit size.